# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:118
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2005
WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION OF MEDICAL DEGREES
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Indian students who obtained medical degrees from the colleges in erstwhile USSR;

(b) whether a team of the Medical Council of India (MCI) which visited USSR detected several deficiencies in the standard of medical education of the colleges where Indian students have been studying and recommended withdrawal of recognition of degrees of such institutions; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 118 FOR 30TH NOVEMBER , 2005.

As per the information obtained from Medical Council of India, the Council has no information on the number of Indian students who obtained medical degrees from colleges in erstwhile U.S.S.R.

Various references were received from different sources including MCI on the deterioration in the standards of Medical Education in several institutions abroad including USSR. The Government, therefore, amended the provisions of IMC Act, 1956 through the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 2001. As per the amendments and the Screening Test Regulations, 2002 framed thereunder, any Indian citizen possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India, who is desirous of getting provisional or permanent registration with Medical Council of India or any State Medical Councils on or after 15th March, 2002, shall have to qualify in the Screening test conducted by the prescribed authority for that purpose. The primary medical qualification possessed by the Indian students must be a recognized medical qualification for enrollment as medical practitioner in the country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated an d which is equivalent to MBBS in India.